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Sir:

In accordance with Applicant's duty of candor under 37 CFR §1.56 and in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98, Applicant is not aware of any material prior art but, in an abundance of caution and candor, Applicant submits the present Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449.

Applicant first became aware of the references cited in this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement through an Office Action dated March 26, 2004, which issued in connection with corresponding United States patent application Serial No. 10/293,874.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the receipt of the first Office Action but before the receipt of the Notice of Allowance on the merits and constitutes a bona fide attempt to comply with 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

Applicant states that no item of information contained in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the Supplemental Information Disclosure

Statement was known to any individual designated in § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

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Should the Examiner believe a fee is required, the United States Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized and requested to charge the fee to the deposit account of the undersigned firm, Account No. 20-1495.

Respectfully submitted,

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